steps are proposed to be taken to restore punctuality in the running of the trains specially Rajdhani Express from Howrah to Delhi and *vice-versa* which is delayed by one hour to four hours for some reasons or the other?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): Monitoring of the running of Rajdhani Express between Howrah & Delhi has been intensified. The General Managers concerned have been asked to personally monitor the punctual running of these trains.

425. [*Transferred to the 27th July, 1984.*]

Job scheme in Railways

426. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a scheme has been prepared in the Railways to provide jobs to youngmen; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) No, such specific scheme has been prepared in the Railways.

(b) Does not arise.

Procurement of wheat and rice in Punjab

427. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat and rice procured in Punjab during the last two months; and

(b) the reasons for shortfall, if any?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) In Punjab, the procurement of wheat and rice during May and June, 1984 was 42.24 lakh tonnes and 0.02 lakh tonnes respectively.

(b) As the procurement targets were not fixed, the question of shortfall does not arise.

Direct train between Delhi and Visakhapatnam

428. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received representations from a section of the public for introduction of a direct fast train between Delhi and Visakhapatnam;

(b) if so, what is the decision taken in this regard;

(c) whether there are any difficulties in providing at least one brake van on this sector;

(d) what is the total annual production of brake vans during 1983; and

(e) what is the projected production of brake vans in 1984?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHOUDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On account of resources constraints, introduction o a direct train between Delhi and Visakhapatnam is not feasible. However, 4 coaches are already running by 137/138 Chhatisgarh Express and connected Link Express between Waltair and Nizamuddin.

(c) The volume of luggage and parcel traffic between New Delhi/ Nizamuddin and Visakhapatnam/ Waltair is very meagre and, does not justify a brake van at the cost of an ordinary coach.

(d) 150 IInd class luggage and brake vans are produced during 1983-84.

(e) 122 IInd class luggage and brake vans are programmed to be manufactured during 1984-85.